

Through a grant from New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, the Angel Fire Fire Department is in the second year of a right of way thinning project for the Village of Angel Fire. This project covers approximately 15 miles of Village right of way in high hazard areas as defined in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Before any tree is cut, the right of way must be surveyed and marked to determine property boundaries and road center lines. The surveyor is followed by the contracted Angel Fire Forester who marks the trees that will stay and identifies diseased and insect-infested trees that should be removed because they pose a threat to health of the forest. The work crews then come in and cut these trees and remove all debris.

For 2011, crews will be working on sections of El Camino Real, Vail Loop, Back Basin Road, Taos Drive and other various roads throughout the Village.

Wood will be available to residents at no charge and you only need to pick up a permit to haul wood at the Village Hall offices. Residents are asked not to enter the work sites and to wait on the side of the road if you have questions or simply want to observe the work. Drivers are reminded to slow down whenever you see crews working on this or any other Village project.